

REMARKS

Claims 8-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 have been canceled and new claims 8-19 are added. No new matter is added.

The Office Action objects to the specification (title) for not being sufficiently descriptive. While not agreeing with this objection, Applicants have amended the title to be even more descriptive. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the title are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taira et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,003). The Office Action also rejects claims 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Taira et al. in view of Tsutomu (JP 59-215892).

Applicants believe that these rejections are overcome with new claims 8-19. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are thus respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 107156-00060.

Respectfully submitted,

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